



Stern College for Women and Columbia University

Articulation Agreement in Occupational Therapy

What is Occupational Therapy?

Occupational Therapy (OT) is a health profession that uses purposeful activities appropriate to each person's age and social role to restore, develop, and maintain the ability for independent, satisfying living. Occupational therapists, as members of a health team, provide special services, individually or in groups.

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Stern College for Women offers an articulated "3+2" year program in Occupation Therapy in conjunction with Columbia University's Department of Rehabilitation Medicine: three years at Stern College, followed by two years at Columbia. During their first three years, students complete general and Jewish Studies requirements, fulfill prerequisites to admission to Columbia and complete at least 22 credits towards an individually designed major (see Shaped Major).

In order to meet the 84-credit residency requirement, students who spend a year in Israel must take the maximum workload of 7 courses each semester. Yeshiva University confers the BA degree at the successful completion of the fourth year of study and Columbia University confers the Master's degree at the close of the program.

Prerequisites for Admission to the Program

1. 110 undergraduate credits are required for admission to the graduate segment of the program
2. A minimum overall GPA of 3.0
3. A grade of B or about is required in all prerequisite courses
4. Knowledge of, or experience in, Occupational Therapy through observation, work or volunteer experience is required
5. Current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation is required
6. A course in either Neuropsychology or Neurobiology is recommended as preparation for Columbia's first year in neuroscience course
7. A course in physics (covering mechanical physics related to movement and/or principles of movement) while not required, is highly recommended

Recommended Course Sequence

1 year in Israel (27 credits) and 4 semesters at SCW

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4
Jewish Studies	Jewish Studies	Jewish Studies	Jewish Studies
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BIOL 1011C	BIOL 1012C	BIOL 2730C	BIOL 3728C
PSYC 1010 (Foundations)	SOCI 1001 (Foundations)	Foundations & Contemporary	Foundations & Contemporary
ENGL 1100	STAT 1021	PSYC 2414	Literature & Arts
Literature & Arts	PSYC 1107	Literature & Arts	SPEE 1010
	Major Elective		Foundations & Contemporary

To complete all of SCW's requirements students will have needed to take AP classes, such as **Biology** and **Psychology**. Students can also complete required classes during summer sessions.

Notes:

- Make sure to request that Columbia send first year transcript to SCW
- Admission to the Columbia OT program is very competitive and admission to SCW does not guarantee entrance to Columbia

How to Apply

Interested students should meet with Occupational Therapy Advisor, Mr. Jeffrey Mollin, as early as possible to plan a course of study.

Students apply to the graduate program by December of their junior year by finding the online application on the Columbia.edu website

Columbia encourages O.T. candidates to visit their Open House and Information Sessions which are held twice monthly. The schedule for these events is available online. In addition, the sections in the Student Handbook on Professional Development and Essential Functions are particularly important. Columbia's Occupational Therapy Program will inform applicants of their admission status in the spring semester of their junior year.

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